Sorry - Not important anyway
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Dear Jim,

Sorry to take so long to respond to your letter of March 23, more fully.

I just can't find the time to undertake a thorough review of the literature on the subject of sunlight deprivation. I still feel that sunlight deprivation per se is not the major problem, but rather emotional deprivation in general. Being in jail, especially in a restricted area, is bound to have a somewhat concentration-camp-like effect. Unfortunately, this could be argued for just about any prisoner (and validly so), and so would not be too convincing to either a judge or jury because of the precedent it would dictate. The extensive work on emotional deprivation with both humans and animals deals with the absence of light in terms of general visual deprivation, rather than dealing with sunlight vs. artificial light. It is important to note that these experiments must have been considered though.

My time is very limited because at present I work full time as a clinician (which means 50 hrs. per week which is quite emotionally draining), and half time with our growing free clinic.

I will be in San Francisco starting this Friday for about 10 days and will be seeing Paul Krassner (at last), as well as the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic. As usual, it is part psychology, part business, and part assassination.

This Thursday I will be addressing the convention of the Minnesota Bar Association which will represent the culmination of many years work on some of their members who signed to the assassination. They have given me a minimum of 2 hrs., so I should be able to cover quite a bit. Some of my sexiest supporters will be there which should surprise many of the old guard & lawyers. One is Doug Feldenkeis, dean of The Mitchell School of Law, which has both Harry Blackmun and Burger on its board.

Well, I'd better close. Best of luck in your efforts.

cc: Paul

Gary